

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated January 22, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 15-67 are rejected by the Examiner. Claims 33 and 49 have been amended and claims 15-32, 37-48 and 55-67 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 33-36 and 49-54 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 33-36 and 49-54 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,373,537, claims 1-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,020,942, and claims 1-52 of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,457. Claims 33-35, 49, and 51-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 07-099394 to Masinori (“Masinori”). Claims 36 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masinori. The rejection of these claims is traversed and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments provided herewith.

The rejection of claims 33-36 and 49-54 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 33-36 and 49-54 are allowable over the cited reference in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, “wherein the first structure includes a front surface substantially parallel to the display surface and wherein the front surface has only a single opening positioned so that a portion of the display surface is not covered by the front surface.”

Specifically Masinori has four openings 13 and a central opening for a total of five openings on the front surface of the bezel 6. Accordingly claims 33-36 and 49-54 are allowable over Masinori.

Further, Applicants will address the double patenting rejection once the claims are indicated as otherwise allowable.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 21 July 2008

By: 

Eric J. Nuss

Registration No. 40,106

McKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE LLP

1900 K Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 496-7500

Attorneys for Applicant